COPPENHALL (....-....)

Coppenhall [Cuttlestone] *(St Lawrence)* was an independent parochial curacy in unknown patronage. ***John Sherratt c1640-1675*** was probably appointed parochial curate here in 1664. The parish contained two townships - Butterhill and Coppenhall - and was a parochial constablewick (Coppenhall & Butterhill) .

Coppenhall [Cuttlestone] MANOR 11.63 (1086); 1332c; INDEPENDENT PAROCHIAL CHAPELRY [♦IPC] (to Penkridge College); St Lawrence (Pevsner c1250); PRGR 1678+
Royal Peculiar of Penkridge
Townships: Butterhill & Coppenhall
Constablewick: Coppenhall & Butterhill

Castle Church *(St Mary)* was a parochial curacy. John Sherratt c1640-1675 was probably appointed parochial curate here in 1664. The parish contained three townships - Burton, Forebridge and Rickerscote - which lay in two constablewicks - Burton-cum-Rickerscote and Forebridge

(1548) Certified in May 1548 to have a mansion house for the priest, commonly called the vicar of Coppenhall, with lands and tithes, worth £4, for his maintenance. There were 2 bells but no[sic] plate or ornaments. It had all the rights of a parish church except burials. On 20 July 1548 the commissioners ordered that the then curate should continue to serve this chapel at his old salary. [1915]

(1553) Early in 1553 the vicar admitted the possession of some of the ornaments discovered by the commissioners later on in that year. The status of this chapel temp. P. & M. is very fully detailed in the Chancery suit printed in SHC IX ns 7 and SHC XII 214. [1915]

(cMay 1553) Church Ornaments: 1 silver chalice with paten; 2 vestments, 1 of blue worsted, 1 of linen cloth; 1 albe; 2 amices; 1 towel; 2 altar cloths; 1 copper cross; 1 yellow silk cope; 1 brass censer; 1 bell; 1 sanctus bell. [1915]

(1563) A chapel of ease with cure. [1915]

(1848) COPPENHALL, a chapelry, in the parish and union of Penkridge, E. division of the hundred of Cuttlestone, S. division of the county of Stafford, 3 miles (S. by W.) from Stafford; containing 119 inhabitants. It comprises 963a. 2r. 5p., about three-fourths of which are arable, and the rest pasture and meadow. The living is a perpetual curacy; net income, £85; patron and impropriator, Lord Hatherton. The chapel, dedicated to St. Lawrence, is built of timber and brickwork, of the reign of Elizabeth. [A Topographical Dictionary of England (1848)]

(1851) Coppenhall is a scattered village, township, and chapelry (to Penkridge), four miles NNW of Penkridge, containing 100 inhabitants, and 900 acres of land, belonging to Lord Willoughby de Broke, Miss Clarke, and several smaller proprietors, but Baron Stafford is lord of the manor. The Church of St Lawrence, is a small ancient building, with only about 60 sittings. The living is a perpetual curacy, in the patronage of Lord Hatherton, and incumbency of the Rev. Evan Price, of Dunstan.
[WHITE (1851)]

Special References:

Parish History

Description of Church

The church, dedicated to St Lawarence, was built by c1200.

Missions etc

Type of incumbent

Parochial Curate	....-1644
Minister (of Presbytery) (Feb 1644-29 May 1660)	1644-1660
Parochial Curate	1660-....
Perpetual Curate	....-1868
Vicar	1868-....

Patrons

Parish Registers

The register of St Lawrence commences in 1678. The original registers for the period 1678-1984 (Bapts), 1678-1996 (Mar) and 1871-2001 (Bur) are deposited at Staffordshire Record Office. Earlier burials are recorded in the Penkridge parish registers.
Bishops Transcripts, 1762-1859 are deposited at Lichfield Record Office. A transcript of the register for the period 1678-1837 has been published by the Birmingham & Midland SGH. [GENUKI]

Bells

Principal Clergy

Richard Palmer (Vicar of Seighford, Staffs) e1508-.... 1533-1553
**** Entry might confuse men of the same name*
(Parochial Curate, Coppenhall, Staffs) 1533
- (subscribed) 1559
(Parochial Curate, Castle Church, Staffs)
- (in office) 18 Jun 1558 & 23 Jun 1561
(Vicar, Seighford, Staffs) 15 Jan 1561.2
- (presented by the Crown)
- (in office) 8 Oct 1579

Francis Alsop c1565-1624 1584
m Mary [?Russell]; 1624 ha; Will *as widow* 25 Feb 1633.4/26 Mar 1633.4
Adm (Lichfield) 2 Apr 1624 *to dau Catherine Blake*
(Parochial Curate, Coppenhall, Staffs) 22 Jan 1583.4
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 15 OR 18 Mar 1591.2
(Parochial Curate, Ranton, Staffs)
- [AT RANTON: 1592 W; 1595 W; 1595 W; 1597 w; (as minister of Ranton) 1604a; 1613 W; 1618 W]
- (in office) 1593
- ("no degree, no preacher, £5/13/4 stipend") 1602 [DAJ VI]
- (in office) 26 Aug 1616
(Parochial Curate, Ellenhall, Staffs)

- (in office) 13 Sep 1597
- ("no degree, no preacher, £4/13/4 stipend") 1602 [DAJ VI]
- ("scolaris ruralis, divinis litteris incumbens", "readeth commonly in a gentleman's house each Sabbath", very unlearned) [1604]
- (in office) 26 Aug 1616

chn: Catherine Alsop b c1595; m c1620 John Blake of Little Onn in Church Eaton husbandman; 1624 fa

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(Parochial Curate, Coppenhall, Staffs)
- (Not named, no preacher, stipend £4) [1604 return]

John Blakeman e1565-.... **1605-1616**

(Parochial Curate, Whitgreave, Staffs)
- (in office) 22 Jan 1584

(Reader, Whitgreave, Staffs)
- (in office) 1584

(Parochial Curate, Coppenhall, Staffs)
- (in office) 22 Jul 1605
- (as Rector[sic], in office) 26 Aug 1616

(Reader, Dunston, Staffs)
- (in office) 26 Aug 1616

►**John Adams ?1620-?1686** **1651-1652**

*** *Entry might confuse men of the same name*

[? m Cecily .....; i *as wife of Mr John Adams* Apr 1655 Wolverhampton St Peter]

i *as clarke of the church of Wolverhampton* 5 Apr 1686 Wolverhampton

[? b c1620 *son of Thomas Adams of Northwood, Salop;* (educated at Shrewsbury under Mr Challoner); (aged 17, admitted sizar at St John's, Cambridge) 15 Sep 1637; (matriculated) 1637; (B.A.) 1641.2]

[? (B.A., Trinity College, Oxford) 1650]

(Minister, Coppenhall, Staffs)
- (as B.A., in office) 1651-1652

(Minister, Gayton, Staffs)
- (admitted by the Commissioners upon a nomination from the parishioners of Gayton) 14 Jul 1656

(?Stipendiary Curate, Wolverhampton St Peter, Staffs) ....-1686

chn: ----- Adams c 6 Sep 1662 Wolverhampton St Peter

Edward Southall (Parochial Curate of Weston-upon-Trent, Staffs) 1636-1674

Southall, christened on 2 Feb 1635.6 at Albrighton, was second son of John Southall of "Beamish Hall", Albrighton, Salop "gentleman" 1604-... and Dorothy (Deane ALIAS Wood). He was (probably) only educated to literate grade. He was in office as a schoolmaster at Church Eaton Grammar School when he subscribed to the *Act of uniformity* on 12 Aug 1662. In Dec 1662 he was ordained deacon by Lichfield and was then in office (jointly) as parochial curate of Castle Church and Coppenhall. In Dec 1663 he was ordained priest and licensed as a preacher (both) by Lichfield. On 21 Dec 1663 he was appointed stipendiary curate of Longford, Salop and was still in office on 21 Jul 1665. Perhaps in Autumn 1665 after probable presentation by Walter Fowler of St Thomas (by Stafford) Esquire 1620-1684 he was appointed parochial curate of Weston-upon-Trent. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for Weston-upon-Trent constablewick and was not assessed there. About 25 Mar 1666 he signed the parish register as "Vicar". He resigned at Weston-upon-Trent before 8 Jun 1670 when after presentation by Thomas Talbot of Longford, Salop gentleman c1649-.... he was instituted as rector of Longford, Salop. Still in office he died, aged 38, and was buried here on 22 May 1674. His administration was granted at Lichfield on 17 Sep 1674. His personalty was valued at £19/19/2 and included " his books 16/6". Southall married about 1671 to Elizabeth by whom he had one son. John Southall (Parochial Curate of Patshull, Staffs) 1634-1677 was his older brother. Thomas Southall B.A. (presbyterian minister of Codsall, Staffs) 1608-.... and William Southall (Vicar of Pattingham, Staffs) 1611-1677 were his uncles. Edward Southall was succeded at Longford by his uncle William.

►Edward Southall (Parochial Curate of Weston-upon-Trent, Staffs) 1636-1674 1666-?1670
c 2 Feb 1635.6 Albrighton *2nd son of John Southall of "Beamish Hall", Albrighton, Salop "gentleman" 1604-... and Dorothy (Deane ALIAS Wood)*
m e1671 [X FMP] Elizabeth -----
i 22 May 1674 Longford; Adm (Lichfield) 17 Sep 1674 to widow Elizabeth; Inventory (7 ??? 1674) Total £19/19/2 included "his books 16/6"

(Schoolmaster, Church Eaton Grammar School, Staffs)
- (then in office, subscribed to the Act of Uniformity) 12 Aug 1662

(Parochial Curate, Castle Church, Staffs)
(Parochial Curate, Coppenhall, Staffs)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 20 OR 21 Dec 1662 [CCEd, "Southall is curate of Castle & Copenhall (Staffordshire)]
(licensed preacher by Lichfield) Dec 1663
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 19 OR 20 Dec 1663
(Stipendiary Curate, Longford, Salop)
- (licensed) 21 Dec 1663
- (in office) 21 Jul 1665
(Parochial Curate, Weston-upon-Trent, Staffs)
- (probably presented by Walter Fowler of St Thomas (by Stafford) Esquire 1620-1684)
In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for Weston-upon-Trent constablewick and was not assessed there.
- (as Vicar, signed parish register) c25 Mar 1666 [1915]
- (replaced in office) a1670 [1915]
(Rector, Longford, Salop) 8 Jun 1670-d
- (presented by Thomas Talbot of Longford, Salop gentleman c1649-...., son of John former Earl of Shrewsbury)
- (instituted) 8 Jun 1670

chn: Thomas Southall c 23 Apr 1673 Longford

(Longford) May the 22nd Mr Edward Southall Rector of this pish was buried 1673 ... William Southall clerk was inducted July the 7th anno p'dicto" [NOTE: The year 1673 is in a different hand and probably an error for 1674]
(Weston-upon-Trent) [Below an entry apparently dated Lady Day (25 Mar) 1666 ... "Edward Southall vic."]

John Sherratt (? Parochial Curate of Castle Church & Coppenhall) c1640-1675
Sherratt was born (perhaps) about 1640 of unknown parentage. As a literate in Sep 1664 he was ordained deacon by Lichfield but may never have been ordained priest. By Sep 1664 he was Master of Church Eaton Grammar School in succession to Edward Southall ?1636-1673. Southall was also (plurally) parochial curate of Castle Church and Coppenhall and it seems probable that Sherratt succeded him in those offices at the same time. Sherratt was also licensed as a preacher at Penkridge in Sep 1664. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Coppenhall-cum-Butterhall constablewick but was not assessed there. Still in office at Church Eaton and probably at Castle Church & Coppenhall he died, aged about 35, and was buried on 10 Apr 1675 at Church Eaton.

►John Sherratt (? Parochial Curate of Castle Church & Coppenhall) c1640-1675 1669-1670
b e1640 *of unknown parentage*
[??? m 7 Feb 1669.70 Stafford St Mary: Susan Archer]
i *Schoolmaster of Church-Eaton* 10 Apr 1675 Church Eaton; Will NOT FOUND
(as literate, ordained deacon by Lichfield) 21 OR 25 Sep 1664
- ("Sherratt is schoolmaster of 'schola grammatice Etoniensis' in Warwickshire") [CCEd] [NOTE: This is probably a reference to Church Eaton Grammar School]
(Preacher, Penkridge, Staffs)
- (licenced) Sep 1664
(Master, Church Eaton Grammar School, Staffs)
- (in office) 1 Aug 1665
(not assessed at Church Eaton) 1665 [1666 HT]
(Parochial Curate, Coppenhall, Staffs)
- (as John Sheratt minister, certified the hearth tax for Coppenhall-cum-Butterhall constablewick but was not assessed there) 1665 [1666 HT]
(Parochial Curate & Reader, Castle Church, Staffs)
- (in office) 1669-70 [? SOURCE LOST]

NO CLERGY KNOWN **1666-1782**

►**Sampson Wright c1743-a1796** **1782-a1796**
m 25 Mar 1773 Bradley: Elizabeth probably dau of Walter Collins 1705-1782 **[SCD]**
d (a5 May) 1796
(Usher, Stafford School)
- (appointed) 27 Oct 1762
(?Master, Bradley School)
- (appointed) 9 Sep 1767
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 24 Sep 1769
(Stipendiary Curate, Ranton, Staffs) 25 Sep 1769-d
- (licensed) 25 Sep 1769
(to be ordained priest by Worcester for Lichfield) 11 Sep 1771
(Rector, Gratwich, Staffs) 8 Nov 1771
- (presented by Catherine Talbot)
- (instituted) 8 Nov 1771
(Perpetual Curate, Kingstone, Staffs) 8 Nov 1771
- (presented by Catherine Talbot & Frances Chetwynd)
- (instituted) 8 Nov 1771
(Perpetual Curate, Bradley, Staffs) 8 Mar 1782-d
- (presented by Charles Vere Esquire)
- (licensed) 8 Mar 1782
(Perpetual Curate, Coppenhall, Staffs) 12 Dec 1782
- (presented by Sir Edward Littleton Baronet)
- (licensed) 12 Dec 1782
chn: Mary Wright c 19 May 1774 Bradley
Edward Collins Wright b 5 Dec 1776; c 7 Dec 1776 Bradley **[SCD]**
Walter Wright c 11 Mar 1779 Bradley
Ann Wright b 23 Aug 1780; c 24 Aug 1780 Bradley
Elizabeth Wright b 29 Jul 1782; c 30 Jul 1782 Bradley
Frances Wright c 20 Jun 1784 Bradley
Sarah Wright c 14 Aug 1786 Bradley

Richard Slaney (P.C. of Penkridge, Staffs) 1769-1830 **1796-1830**
b 4 Feb 1769; c 8 Feb 1769 Shifnal, Salop *son of Richard Slaney Esquire and Sarah (.....)*
d 13 Mar 1830; Will *as Clerk of Penkridge* (PCC) 25 Sep 1830
(matriculated from Pembroke College, Oxford) 3 Mar 1787 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1791
(M.A.) 1793
(Perpetual Curate, Penkridge, Staffs) 10 Sep 1794-d
- (appointed) 10 Sep 1794 [? & 12 Jul 1796]
(Rector, Kimberton, Salop)
(Vicar, Sutton, Salop) 1796-d
(Perpetual Curate, Coppenhall, Staffs) 11 Jul 1796-d
- (appointed) 11 Jul 1796

►**Thomas Browne (Master of Bradley Endowed School, Staffs) c1773-?1849** **1798-?1849**
b c1773 *son of Thomas Browne 1726-....* ***[SCD]***
m Elizabeth .....; (aged 65-9, NOT b Staffs) 1841 C
d ?1849
(aged 18, matriculated from St Edmund Hall, Oxford) 13 Jul 1791 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1795
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 22 May 1796
(Stipendiary Curate, Bradley, Staffs) 23 May 1796-?1849
- (licensed) 23 May 1796 & 3 Sep 1797
- (signed return regarding education of the poor) [PARL (1818)]
- (Curate of Bradley also serving Coppenhall) 30 Jul 1830
- (aged 65-9, b Staffs, of Bradley "Clerk") 1841 C
- (a freehold voter of this name at Bradley) 1849
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 3 Sep 1797

(Master, Bradley Endowed School, Staffs) 13 Feb 1798-?1849
- (as B.A., licensed) 13 Feb 1798
(M.A.) 1798
(Perpetual Curate, Coppenhall, Staffs)
- (subscribed on appointment) 20 Apr 1830
chn: Thomas Powell Browne b 27 Aug 1800; c 31 Aug 1800 Bradley **[SCD]**
William Browne b 4 Jul ?1802; c 7 Jul 1802 Bradley
Samuel Browne c 5 Jul 1804 Bradley
Elizabeth Browne b 14 Jan 1807; c 18 Jan 1807 Bradley; (aged 30) 1841 C
Ann Browne b 15 Mar 1809; c 19 Mar 189 Bradley
William Browne b 13 Feb 1811; c 15 Feb 1811 Bradley
Sarah Browne c 4 Apr 1813 Bradley
Samuel Browne c 12 Jul 1815 Bradley
Robert Browne c 8 Jun 1817 Bradley; (aged 20, solicitor) 1841 C
Mary Browne c 6 Oct 1819 Bradley
Mary Browne c 2 Jul 1822 Bradley

Joined to Dunston (? in 1824) or by 1841